Losses to SEBs

†4086. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of losses incurred by State Electricity Boards during the year 1997-98 and 1998-99, State-wise;

(b) the factual cause of the said losses;

(c) whether Government have suggested to the State Electricity Boards to hand over various jobs related to the electricity generation and distribution to the private sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) A Statement indicating State-wise profits and losses incurred by State Electricity Boards during the year 1997-98 and 1998-99, is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) The major factors for the losses of SEBs are theft and pilferage, high T&D losses and unsustainable cross subsidy leading to large gap between cost of supply and revenue collection. In some States the efficiency of thermal plants is also low.

(c) and (d) Government of India has taken a proactive role in promoting power sector reforms in the States to bring about commercial viability in the sector. Power Ministers' Conference held on 26-2-2000 resolved that reforms must be undertaken with determination, vigor and a sense of urgency. The key elements of the Reforms Strategy are :—

(i) Energy Audit at all levels;

(ii) Time bound programme of 100% metering of all consumers by December, 2001.

(iii) Reduction and finally, elimination of power theft within a specified time frame.

(iv) Strengthening/upgradation of sub-transmission and distribution system by taking sub-station is a limit on a priority basis.

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If above, appears unattainable in the existing Act, Corporatisation/Co-privatisation/Privatisation of distribution would have to be undertaken.

STATEMENT

Statement of Surplus & Deficit of SEBs (Without Subsidy)

(Rs. in crores)

Sl. No.	Name of SEBs	1997-98	1998-99 (Provisional)
1	2	3	4
1.	APSEB (A)	–1134.46	–1961.82
2.	ASEB	–439.58	**
3.	BSEB	–225.42	**
4.	GEB(U)	–1363.62	–1966.43
5.	HSEB	–712.79	**
6.	HPSEB(U)	29.45	–6.27
7.	KEB (U)	–321.77	–847.8
8.	KSEB(U)	–296.70	–262.96
9.	MPEB(U)	–753.01	–1580.22
10.	MSEB(A)	36.61	21.01
11.	MESEB (U)	–52.00	–32.79
12.	PSEB(U)	–555.27	–876.97
13.	RSEB	–639.53	**
14.	TNEB(U)	–317.75	–741.28
15.	UPSEB(U)	–1547.97	–1746.91
16.	WBSEB(U)	–164.18	–904.15
	ALL INDIA	–8457.99	—

A—Audited
U—Unaudited

**Account for 1998-99 not received.

Source : CEA